

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



Library Director Darryl Eschete and Carnegie-Stout Public Library Director Nick Rossman at the Iowa Library Association Legislative Day on March 7.

REGULAR HOURS

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

OverDrive App Will No Longer Function Starting May 1, 2023

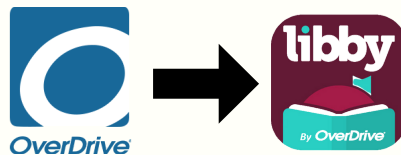
Are you still using the OverDrive app? Now is a great time to make the switch over to [Libby App](#)! The OverDrive app will officially be discontinued on May 1, so please make the switch now; your loans, holds and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby! Use the article below to start the switch over or stop by the second floor Adult Services desk and ask a librarian for assistance in getting set up. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions from those who make the switch.

Q: Will my current loans and holds appear in Libby?

A: Yes, your current loans and holds from the OverDrive app will be added to Libby as soon as you add your library card.

Q: What devices can I use Libby on?

A: You can download the Libby app on your mobile device or use Libby in your computer's web browser.



Q: How do I sign in for the first time?

A: When you open Libby for the first time, follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with your library card. If you have trouble signing in, reach out to your local library staff. You can tap get in touch or ask your library on your library's sign-in screen to find instructions and contact information.

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Library Closed Easter Sunday Sunday, April 9, 2023

The Library is closed for Easter Sunday. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 10.

Attend the WDM Library Friends Foundation Wine, Beer and Cheese Fundraiser

The Friends of the West Des Moines Library are hosting their 6th Annual Wine, Beer and Cheese Fundraiser. During this unique event, they will "Toast to Great Books" with wine, beer, and cheese selections from many regions of the country. You are sure to find some new favorites!

They have also assembled a collection of critically acclaimed literature, hand-selected by members of the library staff. Be sure to check out these great reads!

- **Where:** Raccoon River Nature Lodge, 2500 Grand Ave.
- **When:** Thursday, April 13th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm

A free-will donation to the West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation is requested at the door to attend the Wine, Cheese and Beer event. Or, skip the line and donate ahead of time by [clicking here](#).

We hope to see you there!

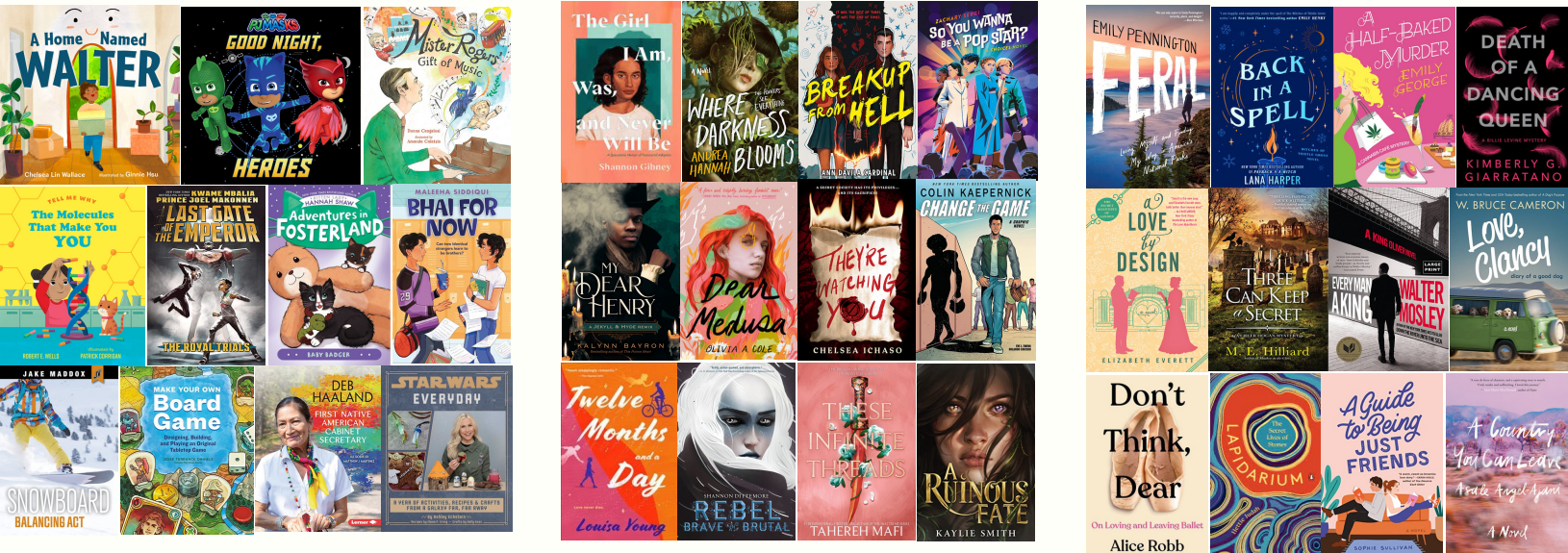


New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's

Young Adult

Adult



DROP-IN ACTIVITY: POETRY TERRARIUMS

APRIL 1 - 16, 2023



Poetry Terrariums combine snips of words and poetry in a small, clear box with tiny found objects (like keys or lego pieces). We supply the box, tiny objects and images, along with some selections of poetry (or you can write your own). All you need is your imagination!

Please note: This drop-in craft is for ages 18 and up. No plants are involved in this terrarium. One box per person, while supplies last.

How do I... ?

Q: Find Consumer Reports?

A: We have many resources here at the library to help you access reviewed consumer reports for everything from electronic devices to new cars. If you're in the building, you can always browse through Consumer Report [magazines](#) and [books](#). We always have the most current Consumer Report available at the Adult Services Desk for you to look through while in the building.

If you want to search from home, using [EBSCOhost](#) is your best route. Once you've logged in using your library card information, click on the "Select All" button under the "Choose Databases" heading, then hit the "Continue" button. Enter your search terms as specifically as possible (i.e. Consumer Reports dishwashers 2023). Then select the report you'd like to read.

Don't hesitate to ask the library staff member at the Adult Services Desk to show you your options or give us a call at 515-222-3403.

April Adult Events at the WDM Library



Drop-in Activity: Poetry Terrariums

April 1 - 16

In April, we invite you to make your own Poetry Terrarium. Poetry Terrariums combine snips of words and poetry in a small, clear box with tiny found objects. Stop at the second floor to pick up a box and supplies.

New Device Tech Help

Saturday, April 1 & 15 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Register for a 30 minute session for one-on-one help with your new device! Our assistants have been trained to help with a variety of technical questions on smart phones, tablets, and laptops. Please register.



Introduction to Bees & Beekeeping

Saturday, April 1 - 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Julia from Des Moines Backyard Beekeepers will share not only why honey bees are incredibly fascinating, but also the many reasons to become a beekeeper. Plenty of take-home resources will be available. No registration.

Learn How to Fight Fraud!

Wednesday, April 5 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

The Fraud Fighters from United Way are trained by the Iowa Insurance Division and in this presentation, they'll talk about a variety of common scams and how you can arm yourself with the tips and tools to prevent fraud. No registration.



Dungeons & Dragons One Shot Series

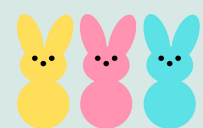
Wednesday, April 5 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

This session will be using D&D 5th edition rules and materials. Characters will be provided. Dice and books are also available if needed. Registration required.

Tech One-On-One

Tuesday Mornings & Thursday Afternoons

Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We are here to help! Sign up for a 30 minute private session, walk-in's also welcome.



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Sunday, April 9 - ALL DAY

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Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition

Monday, April 10 & 24 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting on 4/10. We will be discussing The School for Good Mothers by Jessamine Chan. Join them on 4/24 to discuss what everyone has been reading and watching that month. Registration required.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, April 11 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Relax, unwind and color your stress away! Studies show that coloring can have a calming effect on the mind and help promote wellness. No registration.

A Toast to Great Books Fundraiser

Thursday, April 13 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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YA Not Club Read

Thursday, April 13 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

YA Not Club Read is our non-traditional book club for "Grown ups" who like to read and talk about Young Adult books. This month we'll be reading The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe. Registration required.

Music with Malcolm Wells

Saturday, April 15 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Please join us for a first-rate program of music from Malcolm Wells. Known for the clever analogies in his songs and his musical talent on the harmonica, his debut release, "Hollerin' Out Loud" features Wells with a band of top-notch veterans of the blues scene. No registration.



Buttons, Buttons, Iowa Made the Buttons!

Sunday, April 16 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

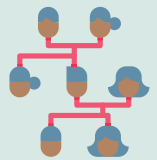
Muscatine, Iowa was the primary American manufacturing source for mother-of-pearl buttons made from Mississippi River shellfish. Iowa State Button Society member Karen Leibold will share the history of buttons in Iowa. No registration.



Genealogy Basics with Kevin Spire

Monday, April 17 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

This presentation will provide an overview & guidance in researching your genealogy project. We'll look at the essential research records, common problems & review paper versus computer organization. No registration.



Adult Craft Night: Iris Folding

Thursday, April 20 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us every 3rd Thursday for a fun and simple craft. You'll be shown the steps and given help as you create a unique item to take home. All materials are provided, and the program is free! Registration required.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, April 20 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road)

This group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of Bottomland by Michelle Hoover. Registration required.



Gardening with Native Prairie Plants

Saturday, April 22 - 1:00 - 2:30 PM

This program will highlight how adding hardy, low maintenance native plants in our yards can add curb appeal & attract pollinators while benefiting the environment. Native seed packets will be available to take home. No reg.



Remembering the Apron

Thursday, April 27 - 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Presenter Sheila Craig will take a nostalgic look at the apron in an interactive, hands-on program! Attendees will look at the fabrics and trims, the styles and uses of aprons and will have the opportunity to see about 100 of her 400-collection of aprons. No registration required.



Songkran: New Year in Thailand

Thursday, April 27 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Songkran is Thailand's most famous festival. This "water splashing" festival marks the beginning of the traditional Thai New Year and is an important event on the Buddhist calendar. This session will be presented by Suthiphon "Sue" Hudson on behalf of CultureAll. No registration.



Was the Book Better Than the Movie? The Help

Saturday, April 29 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Read the book beforehand (if you like), and then come and enjoy a good movie, followed by some lively discussion about the differences between the two. The library will provide popcorn. No registration required.



Children & Teen April Events at the WDM Library



Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29) - 10:30 - 11:30 AM
(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

Drop in and join us in the storyroom for Saturday Storytime! Build a lifetime love of books and reading as we share stories, songs, and interactive rhymes with an early literacy focus. For ages 0-6 w/adult. No registration.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (4/12, 4/19, 4/26) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM
OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 18 mo. - 3 yrs w/ adult)
Bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal and join us for Baby Doll Storytime. Children will participate in songs, rhymes, and stories while interacting with their baby doll. An opportunity for social, emotional and literacy learning through play! Registration required.

Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, April 5 & 26 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM
(Grades 9-12)

Are you looking for a few Silver Cord, Community Service, or other volunteer hours? The Library is looking for volunteers to help with a monthly group service project. No experience or training necessary! Registration required.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 - 3:00 - 4:00 PM
(Grades 6-12)

By becoming a member of TAB you can take a leadership role in your community, give input in teen activities, and help develop the collection of young adult materials at the Library.



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Family Storytime

Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 4/12, 4/13, 4/14, 4/19, 4/20, 4/21, 4/26, 4/27, 4/28
(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

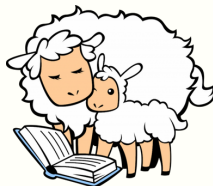
Join us in the Community Room for this class featuring stories, songs, and rhymes followed by gross and fine motor play all with an early literacy focus! Registration Required.

Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (4/10, 4/17, 4/24) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM
OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mo. w/ adult)

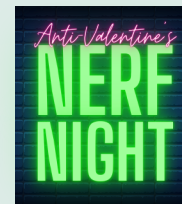
Using puppets, rhymes, songs, and short stories, we will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for pre-walking babies. Registration is required.



RESCHEDULED: Nerf Night! (Teens)

Friday, April 14 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM - 7:00 PM
(Grades 6 - 12)

Join us for the RESCHEDULED Nerf battle after hours at the library. The night will begin with pizza and team formations from 5:30-6pm in the Community Room. Please arrive before 6pm to ensure that you're able to participate. Registration and signed waiver required.



Family Night at the Library: Sensory Crafts!

Monday, April 10 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
(All Ages)

Join us this month as we make fun crafts that you and your kids can squish, mold and play with! For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



After School Adventures: Lego Club!

Wednesday, April 19 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM
(Ages 5-12)

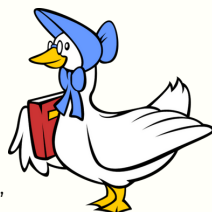
Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! Sign up this month and participate in a vehicular building challenge using everyone's favorite interlocking brick system. Registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (4/11, 4/18, 4/25) 9:30 - 10:00 AM
OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 6 mo. - 2 yrs w/ adult)

Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Each week we will incorporate activities that emphasize and reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. Registration is required.



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Swim Team

Thursday, April 20 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Borders by Thomas King. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Kids Club Read: Lola Levine is Not Mean

Tuesday, April 11 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Lola Levine is Not Mean! by Monica Brown. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.

